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Carkeek Park Beach

All ages **Free**

Explore one of the most unique parts of the planet – tidepools! Explore Carkeek Beach with a Seattle Urban Nature guide. Search for anemones, moon snails, and clams during a great low tide. Learn more about life in the Puget Sound. Be sure to wear shoes that can get wet. **Meet the nature guide at the kiosk next to the bridge over the railroad tracks in the beach parking lot.**

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Stewardship Opportunities

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Special Event



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Ages: 55 and older **Fee:** \$25 per class or \$60 for all three

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5/10: Birdwatching - Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. **10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

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4/28/2018

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